



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Whitman et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/997,019

**Filed:** November 28, 2001

**For:** SPIN COATING FOR MAXIMUM  
FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

**Confirmation No.:** 6139

**Examiner:** B. Kebede

**Group Art Unit:** 2823

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2269-4294.2US  
(98-1208.02/US)

**Notice of Allowance Mailed:**

December 6, 2006

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Person making Deposit: Di Sanders

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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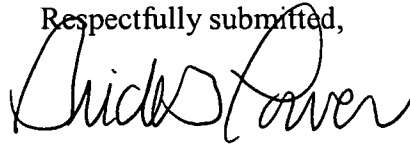
Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,700.00 in payment therefor. Also enclosed are Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

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Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal

Check No. 23519 in the amount of \$1,700.00

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)

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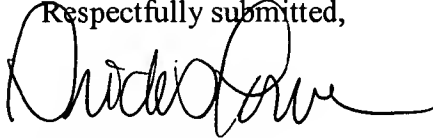
Sir:

The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in the above-referenced application was accompanied by a statement of reasons for allowance. While the stated reasons include quotes of portions of the language recited in independent claims 1 and 23, it is respectfully submitted that the stated reasons for allowing these claims, as well as the claims that depend therefrom, should not be construed in such a way as to limit independent claim 1, independent claim 23, or any of the dependent claims that have been allowed in the above-referenced application. Rather, the scope of each allowed claim should be construed solely in accordance with the plain language

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recited therein, and in accordance with the full scope of available equivalents to the elements recited in each of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brick G. Power", written over the typed name.

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